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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (twice amended) A compound 16 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a 3'-untranslated region, nucleobases 246 through 265, nucleobases 272 through 339, nucleobases 375 through 394, nucleobases 402 through 429, nucleobases 471 through 490, nucleobases 497 through 516, nucleobases 536 through 555, nucleobases 564 through 626, nucleobases 665 through 697, nucleobases 747 through 772, nucleobases 781 through 809, or nucleobases 848 through 934 of a coding region, a stop codon region, or a 5'-untranslated region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding CD81 of SEQ ID NO: 5, an intron 1 region, an intron 2 region, an intron 3 region, and intron:exon junction region, an exon 1 region, or an exon 8 region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding human CD81 of SEQ ID NO: 11, or a 3'-untranslated region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding human CD81 of SEQ ID NO: 10, wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with one of said regions of said nucleic acid molecule encoding CD81 and inhibits the expression of CD81.